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The d-f connection.

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Kondo, 1963

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A lot of action takes place at the localization frontier!



 Ce^{3+} ion

FeAs₄-tetrahedron





The d-f connection provides an unprecedented opportunity to develop a unified understanding of the frontier of magnetism, superconductivity and novel quantum materials. f-electrons, with their diversity and tunability, offer many experimental and theoretical advantages for research.



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Kondo (1962)



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Break-down of Landau Fermi liquid

What lies beneath the dome?

Copper based SC



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What is the nature of the quantum criticality and the strange metal?

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How does the spin form the condensate?

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Heavy electron = (electron x spinflip)







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Abrahams, Balatsky, Scalapino, Schrieffer 1995 Flint, Dzero and Coleman, 2009.









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Mystery III: Hidden Order URu₂Si_{2 500}





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Mystery IV : Topology and Heavy Fermions?

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Kondo Insulators: SmB₆

MAGNETIC AND SEMICONDUCTING PROPERTIES OF SmB₆[†]

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FIG. 2. Reciprocal molar susceptibility of SmB_g as a function of temperature.

Magnetic susceptibility flattens out below 100 K



 $n_f \simeq 0.7$

Neville Mott c. 1975







Topological insulator: adiabatically disconnected to vacuum.

Topological "insulator"



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Are existing Kondo insulators weak or strong TI?



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YbAlB4: a possible vortex metal.

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Nevidomskyy and Coleman (08)



















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25 Years of Theoretical Proposals

Local	Barzykin & Gorkov, '93 (three-spin correlation) Santini & Amoretti, '94, Santini ('98) (Quadrupole order) Amitsuka & Sakihabara (F ₅ , Quadrupolar doublet, '94) Kasuya, '97 (U dimerization) Kiss and Fazekas '04, (octupolar order) Haule and Kotliar '09 (hexa-decapolar)
Landau Theory	Shah et al. ('00) "Hidden Order",
Itinerant	Ramirez et al, '92 (quadrupolar SDW) Ikeda and Ohashi '98 (d-density wave) Okuno and Miyake '98 (composite) Tripathi, Chandra, PC and Mydosh, '02 (orbital afm) Dori and Maki, '03 (unconventional SDW) Mineev and Zhitomirsky, '04 (SDW) Varma and Zhu, '05 (spin-nematic) Ezgar et al '06 (Dynamic symmetry breaking) Pepin et al '10 (Spin liquid/Kondo Lattice) Dubi and Balatsky, '10 (Hybridization density wave)
	Fujimoto, 2011 (spin-nematic)

Spectroscopy: H-gap in STM/C tics

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* cf Session P1, Weds 8am, room A





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i.e. the hybridization transforms as a half-integer spin, and therefore has spinorial character. Unlike magnetism, it breaks both single and double time reversal symmetry and is thus a new kind of order parameter.

hasta: spear (latin)



 Γ_5 : Fundamentally Ising.

$$b = \Psi_H \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i(\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \phi)/2} \\ e^{i(\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \phi)/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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In heavy fermions a hybridization derives from virtual excitations between a Kramers doublet and an excited singlet. A uniform hybridization breaks no symmetry and develops as a cross-over.



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$$f[T, P] = \alpha (T_c - T) |\Psi|^2 + \beta |\Psi|^4 - \gamma (\Psi^{\dagger} \sigma_z \Psi)^2$$
$$\gamma = \eta (P - P_c)$$

Transverse moment in conduction sea m~ O(TK/D)



Hastatic order exhibits nematicity, accounting for anisotropic X_{xy} observed in torque magnetometry. (Okazaki et al, Science 2011)



Conclusions.







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Quantum Criticality. Spin structure of the heavy electron pair (possible application to pnictides?) Hidden Order Vortex Scenario for intrinsically quantum critical YbAIB4. Topology in metals? Thank you!